



Vanessa McKinlay

Mediator since 2018

Civil Mediation Council Registered Mediator

Specialist areas: clinical negligence & personal injury

Vanessa is a Barrister of 21 years' call. She specialises in Clinical Negligence and Complex Inquests at Gatehouse Chambers in London. She is Assistant Coroner for Birmingham and Solihull.

Vanessa represents both Claimants and Defendants in cases involving all aspects of medical practice.

Before being called to the Bar in 2000, Vanessa worked in the NHS as a Senior Physiotherapist. She brings a sound medical knowledge to her clinical negligence practice. She can get to the heart of the issues quickly, particularly in cases involving complex causation and quantum. This allows her to help participants to find a realistic route to the satisfactory resolution of difficult and high value cases.

Mediation Experience

Clinical Negligence:

- Surgical negligence (e.g. orthopaedic surgery, colorectal surgery and plastic (reconstruction) surgery);
- Delayed diagnosis (e.g. cancer leading to metastatic disease and premature death; failure to diagnose renal disease leading to kidney transplant; delay in diagnosing brain abscess);
- Obstetric negligence leading to stillbirth and birth injury;
- Claims involving significant psychiatric injury;
- Claims under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976.

Personal Injury:

- Road traffic collisions
- Employers' liability
- Occupiers' liability
- Highways Act claims
- Product liability

Testimonials

From Chambers UK 2020:

“She is responsive, good with clients, grasps the key issues and is good with detail, without getting lost in it.”

“Her advocacy is impressive and her professionalism at joint settlement meetings has resulted in settlements being achieved in very difficult situations”

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